



Odysey

★ 2005 All-Star Celebrity Gala

Saturday,
November 5, 2005
Michigan Historical Center

Michigan History education can make it harder to leave Michigan, and it can help ensure that those who explore the wider world return to share their talents and knowledge with Michigan.

When Michigan children explore their state's history they heighten their sense of self and of place. They begin to understand the importance of exercising their responsibilities in a democracy and to take pride in Michigan's importance to our nation.





November 5, 2005

Dear Friends:

It is an honor and privilege to welcome you to Odyssey 2005 *All Star Celebrity Gala*, which preserves Michigan Historical Center education programs.

Your generous support of Odyssey 2005 will ensure that the Michigan Historical Center's education initiatives will continue to serve more than 70,000 children annually throughout the state. Michigan History Education is the foundation for citizen participation, as voters, volunteers, and public servants. It will help those who explore the world, return to share their talents and knowledge with Michigan and its children.

Again, welcome. Please accept my sincere thanks for your contributions, and my very best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "J. Granholm".

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

2005 Odyssey Award Winners

Key to all successful instructional programs are the dedicated teachers who inspire their students and instill in them a passion for learning. Our outstanding 2005 Odyssey Award winners are:

Jennifer Goedtel

Schroeder Elementary, Troy — Troy School District

Jessica Rader

Floyd Elementary, Midland — Bullock Creek School District

Michele VanderVelde

Sand Lake Elementary, Sand Lake — Tri-County Area Schools

Thomas Wiltse

Sterling Elementary, Carleton — Airport Community Schools

Each of these Odyssey recipients will receive a plaque made of Michigan agate and a \$500 award.

Odyssey 2005 Award Judges

Special thanks to those individuals who gave their time and support in assisting us in judging the nominations for this year's Odyssey Award recipients:

Kristie Clark 2004 Award Winner

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Evening Activities

Activity

Meet the 2005 Odyssey Award Recipients

Hors d'oeuvres and beverage service

7:00 pm to 7:45 pm

Food Stations

7:45 pm to 10:30 pm

Savory hors d'oeuvres and delectable desserts

Desserts and coffee

Beverage Stations

7:45 pm to 11:00 pm

Specialty Bar

7:45 pm to 11:00 pm

Awards Presentation

8:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Entertainment

Global Village-7:45 pm to 11:00 pm

Sierra Taylor-7:45 pm

Madonna-9:00 pm

Stevie Wonder-9:30 pm

Diana Ross-10:00 pm

Caricaturist – Dennis Preston

7:45 pm to 10:30 pm

Photographer

Picture yourself with Michigan celebrities!

Madonna-8:00 pm

Stevie Wonder-8:45 pm

Diana Ross-9:15 pm

Silent Auction

7:45 pm to 10:00 pm

Photo Pick-up

After 10:00 pm

Location

First Floor

Special Exhibit Gallery

Preview of the new exhibit
“A Soldier’s Life”

Second Floor

Michigan’s Territorial Capitol
Civil War Gallery

Lumbering Era
Growth of Manufacturing

Third Floor

1920’s Street Scene
At Home in the ‘50s Gallery

Second Floor

Arsenal of Democracy

Beverage stations featuring Michigan beer
and wines as well as non-alcoholic
beverages located throughout the second
and third floors of theMuseum

Second Floor

Woodland Diorama/Civil War Gallery
Featuring specialty martinis

Second Floor

Main Stage - Atrium

Second Floor

Main Stage – Atrium

Third Floor Stage

Third Floor Stage

Third Floor Stage

Third Floor Stage

Third Floor

1920’s Street Scene

Second Floor

Lumbering Era

Second Floor

Civil War Era. See program for complete
list of all items. All bidding ends at 10 pm.

First Floor

Museum entrance, south of the rotunda

Michigan Historical Center Foundation

Mission Statement

The Michigan Historical Center Foundation's purposes are:

- to secure and provide financial support for the Michigan Historical Center, and
- to increase private and public sector knowledge, appreciation and support of the Michigan Historical Center's state-wide responsibility for museum, archival records, archeological, historic site preservation and other Michigan human history education programs.

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2005 Odyssey Winners

The word “odyssey” is defined as an extended, adventurous voyage or trip. The annual Odyssey Awards honors educators who excel at teaching Michigan history. The awards are appropriately named, as these teachers and their students embark on a journey that is, according to one award recipient,

“An Adventure That Never Ends.”

By Carolyn Damstra

This year, elementary teachers from Carleton, Midland, Sand Lake and Troy will receive a prestigious Odyssey Award, presented by the Michigan Historical Center Foundation during the Odyssey All-Star Celebrity Gala on Saturday, November 5, at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing.

Co-chaired by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern, “The Odyssey gala is an opportunity to give these dedicated, outstanding educators a well deserved round of applause—for inspiring their students to enjoy learning and for helping Michigan’s future leaders discover our state’s rich history,” said Michigan Historical Center Foundation Board Chair Deb Muchmore. Odyssey Award recipients were selected based upon their depth of knowledge about Michigan history, creativity in teaching Michigan history and demonstrated leadership, both in their local school district and in the community. Odyssey Sponsors include, Presenting Benefactor sponsor DeRoy Testamentary Foundation; Presenting Patron sponsors Art Craft Display, d/s Events, General Motors—Lansing Operations, Ingham Regional Medical Center, Mid-Michigan MRI, David C. Morris and Ahptic Productions. For more information about the Odyssey Awards, visit www.Michiganhistory.org.

Jessica Reder—Floyd Elementary, Midland

Since Jessica’s students are mostly disadvantaged and rarely get the opportunity to learn about parts of the state outside the Midland area, she makes that possible. When field trips were eliminated due to budget constraints, Jessica led a fund-raising effort that allowed her students to tour the State Capitol and the Soo Locks. “It was all worth it when I saw their eyes light up as we crossed the Mackinac Bridge, and a freighter was traveling underneath. They really got it, they saw the real Michigan.”

In the classroom, Jessica uses literature to help students see the development of our state through the eyes of fictional characters. Her students also conduct research and create timelines and videos on Michigan history. Floyd Elementary principal Rod Dishaw believes, “While it would be easier to rely on a textbook and tests to teach and measure student learning, Mrs. Reder has an inherent teaching style that brings the time periods of Michigan history alive.”



Michele VanderVelde—Sand Lake Elementary, Sand Lake

When she began teaching twenty-two years ago, Michelle was frustrated that the Michigan history textbook did not correspond with the state’s curriculum outline, so she set to work forming her own ideas. Her big inspiration came from a lighthouse workshop at remote St. Helena Island, where she returns



When we honor the people who went before us, we acknowledge the continuity of humankind and the importance of making wise choices as we make our own contributions to family, community, state, nation and world.

every summer as a volunteer staff member. Back in the classroom, Michelle and her students become “keepers” in period dress and learn about geography, history and economics through lighthouses. According to eighth-grade teacher Christine Parsons, Michelle “instills a love for Michigan in her students. They typically beg for family vacations with Michigan historical destinations in mind.”

A timeline with pictures of key Michigan events circles Michele’s classroom, where students build models and create PowerPoint presentations about Michigan lighthouses. They also take a field trip to climb the Muskegon lighthouse. Her students learn maritime history from actual e-mails from workers aboard Great Lakes freighters and move magnetized freighter images through the lakes marking their locations. Michelle strongly believes teachers can “make students better citizens. I want them to fall in love with their state.”

**Thomas Wiltse—
Sterling Elementary, Carleton**

Thomas Wiltse makes history fun and vibrant. His classroom is a “mini-museum,” featuring beaver pelts, maps and two life-size British and American soldier cutouts.

“Students are absolutely mesmerized by the sight and can’t help but want to know more!” said Sterling fourth-grade teacher Mary Ann Jakubczak. His students experience the thrill of paddling a voyageur canoe on a Michigan river and, along with their families, build replicas of Michigan forts. He wants to “get them out there, living the history and not just reading about it in a textbook.”



Tom received many thanks from the community for rejuvenating the school district’s annual fourth-grade Pioneer Day, where more than 250 students dress in period clothing, and enjoy historical reenactors, displays, music and food.

Literature is also important in Tom’s curriculum. Besides using novels in the classroom, he writes original Michigan history plays that the entire school looks forward to seeing. His goal is to “make students love social studies.”

**Jennifer Goedel –
Schroeder Elementary,
Troy**

Jennifer is inspired by the “the beautiful state and Great Lakes, but first and foremost her students are her inspiration—their wonder and enthusiasm!”

Jennifer organizes an annual Lumberjack Day for all fourth-grade classes that includes period costumes, food, music, storytelling, literature and role-playing. Her students also play a game where they earn points by researching the history of Michigan cities and then move game pieces around a Michigan map. According to Troy school district social studies coordinator Marti Peterson, Jennifer “is an excellent storyteller and students will learn a great deal about Michigan history from the stories and legends she shares.”

A Minnesota native, Jennifer fell in love with Michigan while watching the sunset from Fort Mackinac. She instills her passion for nature in her students, who often get their families to visit the state parks. “Once they’re connected, children become respectful and want to preserve and protect what they have and become stewards,” said Jennifer.



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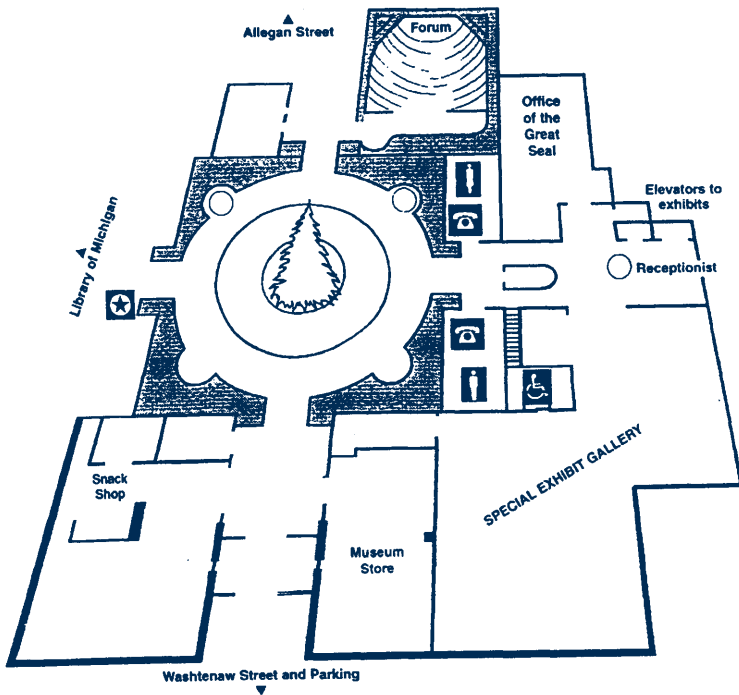
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- * Wine donated by John and Linda Axe
(2 Bottles of 1983 Cos D'Estournel, 2 Bottles of 1985 Du Cru Beaucaillou,
2 Bottles of 1997 Haut Brion)
- * Carol Basso (Original still-life oil painting)
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- * Boyne USA Resorts (Resort package)
- * Breslin Center (A family show, up to 18)
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- * University Club (Spa package)
- * Joyce Weiss (2 hours public speaking and 2 autographed books)
- * Wharton Center for Performing Arts (Theatre tickets)
- * Stevie Wonder (DVD and autographed photographs)
- * Four Redwing tickets

First Floor

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

First Floor



Men's Restroom



Women's Restroom



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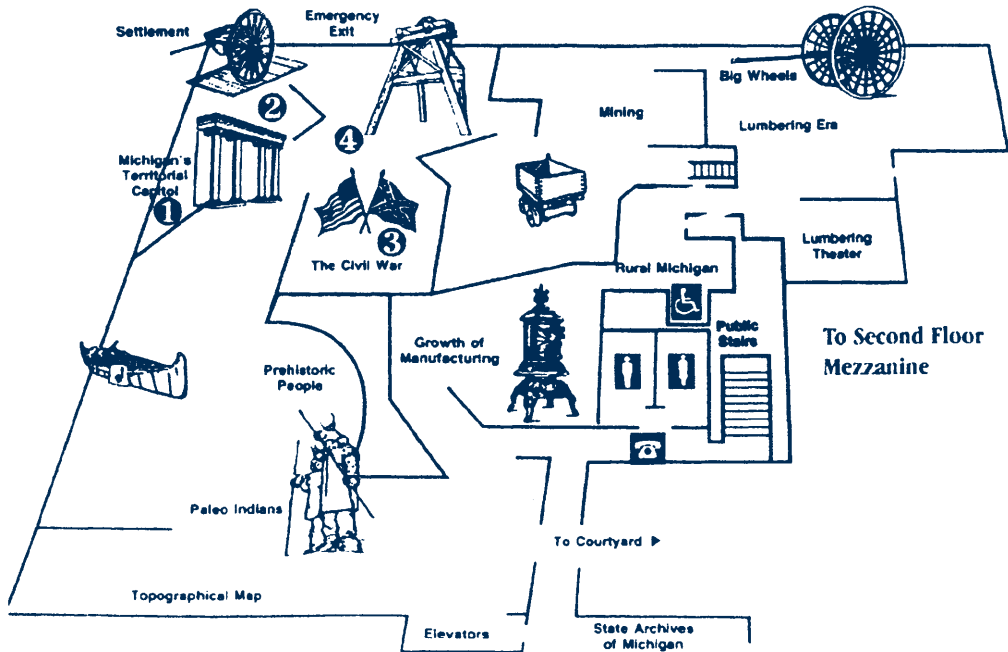
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Mezzanine Levels

Second Floor

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM Second Floor



Men's Restroom



Women's Restroom



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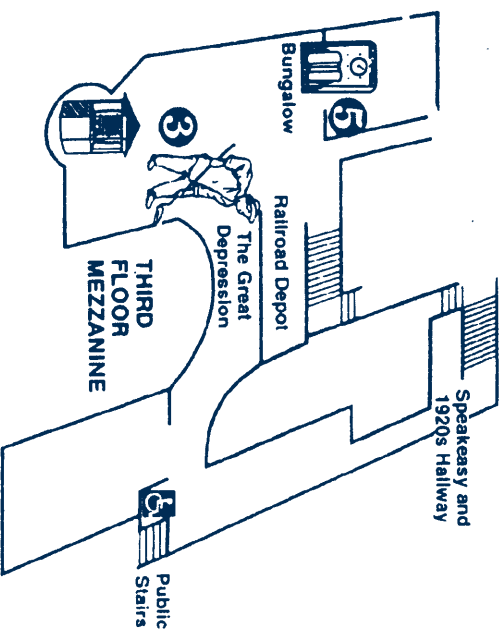
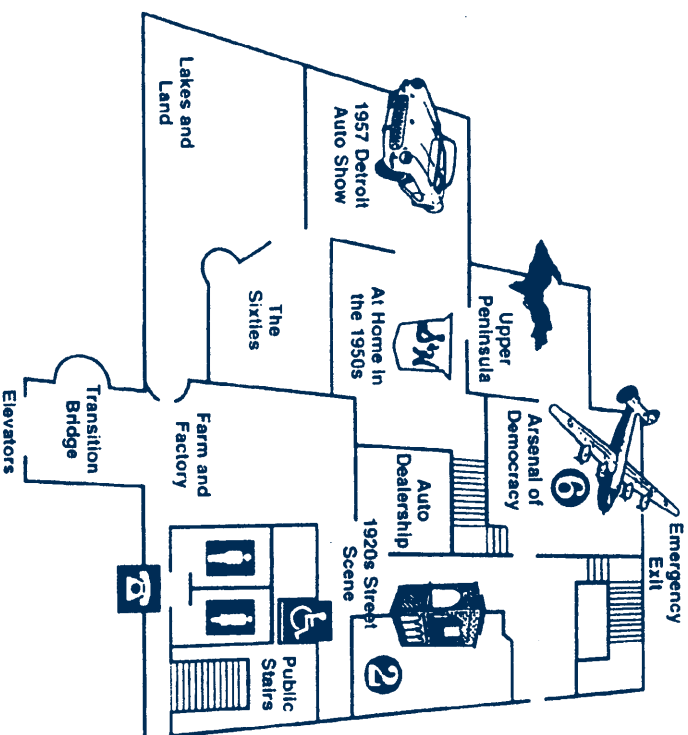
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Elevator Access to
Mezzanine Levels

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Third Floor



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David Follis (Camden-Frontier Schools)
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